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DEPT PASS TREASURY FOR ALBRECHT

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SUBJ: GATT PANELS ON DISC AND RELATED TAX PRACTICES

1. PER GORDON-SPRUCE TELECON MARCH 10 AND SPRUCE-GLITMAN TELECON MARCH 11, WE HAVE INFORMED MARIADASON THAT U.S. STRONGLY REQUESTS WE BE PERMITTED ADDRESS PANELS AND MAKE SUGGESTIONS ON PROCEDURES BEFORE PANELS MAKE THEIR DECISION ON WHICH PROCEDURES THEY WILL FOLLOW. WE SAID PROCEDURES WAS A SUBJECT OF GREAT IMPORTANCE TO THE U.S.

2. MARIADASON SAID HE FELT IT BEST THAT PANELS MEET IN PRIVATE TO DECIDE PROCEDURES ON THEIR OWN BUT HE WOULD RESPECT U.S. REQUEST AND INFORM PANEL MEMBERS OF IT BEFORE THEY BEGIN THEIR DELIBERATIONS A.M. OF MARCH 16. MEANWHILE, MARIADASON WILL MEET WITH ALBRECHT MONDAY, MARCH 16, 4:00 P.M. AT U.S. MISSION.

3. FYI: CANADIAN MTN AMBASSADOR RODNEY GREY HAS INVITED ALBRECHT AND CONGRESSMAN KARTH TO LUNCHEON HE IS GIVING FOR SOME OF PANEL PARTICIPANTS ON THURSDAY, MARCH 18. WE HAVE TENTATIVELY ACCEPTED BUT NOTED WE
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WILL HAVE TO CONFIRM AGAIN AFTER ALBRECHT AND KARTH

ARRIVE GENEVA. ALSO FRENCH GATT REP (COLMANT) INVITES
ALBRECHT, ECMIN AND ONE OR TWO OTHER US OFFICIALS FOR
LUNCH WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17 TO MEET THEIR REPS.
AGAIN TENTATIVELY ACCEPTED SUBJECT TO CONFIRMATION AFTER
ALBRECHT ARRIVAL. DALE

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